In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 1A, the present invention may be embodied on a computer system 100

comprising a central processor 101, a main memory 102, an input/output controller 103, a

keyboard 104, a pointing device 105 (e.g., mouse, track ball, pen device, or the like), a display

device 106, and a mass storage 107 (e.g., hard disk). Additional input/output devices, such as a

printing device 108, may be included in the system 100 as desired. As illustrated, the various

components of the system 100 communicate through a system bus 110 or similar architecture. In

a preferred embodiment, the computer system 100 includes an IBM-compatible personal

computer, which is available from several vendors (including International Business Machine -

IBM Corporation of Armonk, N.Y.). Illustrated in FIG. 1B, a computer software system 150 is

provided for directing the operation of the computer system 100. Software system 150, which is

stored in system memory 102 and on disk memory 107, includes a kernel or operating system

151 and a shell or interface 153. One or more application programs, such as application software

152, may be "loaded' (i.e., transferred from storage 107 into memory 102) for execution by the

central processor 101 of the system 100. The system 100 receives user commands and data

through user interface 153; these inputs may then be acted upon by the system 100 in accordance

with instructions from operating module 151 and/or application module 152. The interface 153,

which is preferably a graphical user interface (GUI), also serves to display results, whereupon

the user may supply additional inputs or terminate the session. In a preferred embodiment,

operating system 151 and interface 153 are Microsoft Win95, available from Microsoft

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Corporation of Redmond, Wash. Application module **152,** on the other hand, includes a spreadsheet notebook of the present invention as described in further detail herein below.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 26 as follows:

Container rows :a container row is a spreadsheet object belonging to a RSTI, and corresponding to the range of cells containing the STI's which are structured according to the definition of a RE or of a RME part of the RST that the RSTI abides by. The number of rows of a container row is equal to the number of rows of the highest STI it contains. A container row can also be referred to as a recursive element instance (REI). A container row can be seen within a RSTI as equivalent to an element within a STI. Example : The container row **2012** is illustrated in FIG **17A,** and corresponds to the range of cells comprising the STI's **2032** and **2013** which are defined within the RSTI **2001.** The number of rows of this container row is equal to the number of rows of the STI **2032** which is higher than the STI **2013.**